

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of transacting a digital object in which a vendor offers for sale or trade the digital object to a purchaser, the method comprising the steps of: receiving a digital object from a vendor; testing the digital object for the presence of an authorization code; associating a warning status with the digital object on detecting the presence of an authorization code in the digital object; checking a database of vendor details maintained in computer memory; associating an alert status with the digital object on detecting an entry in the database of vendor details representing an alert status associated with the vendor; adding one or more authorization codes to the digital object; and updating the entry in the database of vendor details representing the vendor with the warning and/or alert status associated with the digital object.